



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF THE REGIONAL BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR CITY CONTRACT NUMBER 433 – U.S. HIGHWAY 101 BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

Staff is seeking approval from City Council to apply for a Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Program (RBPP) grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 to fund construction of the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project. The RBPP application is due to City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) on January 6, 2006.

Background

Construction of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over U.S. Highway 101 is one of the City's priority projects. The project design is now complete and the City will be ready to invite bids for construction as soon as it obtains sufficient funding commitments. Public Works projects of this size are typically funded from several sources, drawing primarily from federal and state grants. The City's strategy for this project is to identify all appropriate grant opportunities and apply for grants as they become available. The City will not commit its own construction funding until such time as it accumulates sufficient grant funding to complete the project.

The current estimate for the bicycle and pedestrian bridge is \$5.5 million for construction and construction management services. The City has secured the following funding:

<u>Secured Funding Sources</u>	<u>Amount</u>
• Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) FY 01/02	\$ 585,000
• Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)	\$2,600,000
• City funds	<u>\$ 400,000</u>
Total	\$3,585,000

<u>Pending Funding Sources</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
• Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) FY 06/07	\$1,250,000	Application pending
• Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Program (RBPP)	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	Application due 1/6/06
Total	\$2,250,000	

Staff is watching for other funding opportunities and will recommend applying for them when they become available.

Discussion

C/CAG has announced that RBPP funds are available for San Mateo County bicycle and pedestrian projects. The RBPP will provide approximately \$2.5 million to San Mateo County agencies through a competitive process. The maximum amount that RBPP will grant to any single project is \$1,000,000. Awarded funds are subject to federal rules and guidelines requiring a minimum local match of 11.47 percent from other sources (i.e., from other grants and/or City funds).

Belmont’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge is eligible for this grant because it provides access to regional transit, activity centers, and schools, and is the #3 priority project identified in 2000 San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle Route Plan. Staff will attend a mandatory workshop on November 30 to gather further information regarding grant money obligation and project completion schedule. The deadline for application to C/CAG is January 6, 2006.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact from Council’s approval of the RBPP grant application. Staff is watching for other funding opportunities and will recommend applying for them when they become available. Once the City has obtained sufficient grant funding, staff will recommend that the City commit its own matching funds for construction of the project.

Public Contact

The City Council meeting agenda was posted.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Director of

Public Works to submit an application for a Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Program (RBPP) grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Alternatives

1. Take no action.
2. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

- A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

Jack R. Crist
Interim City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING THE FILING OF THE REGIONAL BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR CITY CONTRACT NUMBER 433 – U.S. HIGHWAY 101 BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000

WHEREAS, construction of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project over U.S. Highway 101 is one of the City’s priority projects; and,

WHEREAS, the City has completed the design of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge and has secured necessary permits and environmental approvals; and,

WHEREAS, the engineer’s construction estimate for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge is \$5.5 million; and,

WHEREAS, the City has secured commitments to fund a portion of this construction cost; and,

WHEREAS, the City’s funding strategy is to seek out and apply for suitable additional funding as it becomes available to assemble sufficient funds for a construction contract; and,

WHEREAS, C/CAG has announced availability of up to \$1 million through the Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Program for projects that facilitate bicycle commuting; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Program grant application is due to C/CAG by January 6, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Belmont is required to match 11.47 percent of the approved Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Program grant amount awarded to the City; and,

WHEREAS, City staff will continue to identify all appropriate grant opportunities and apply for them as they become available to subsidize construction costs for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont does authorize the Director of Public Works to submit an application for the Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Program grant for the proposed U.S. Highway Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on December 13, 2005 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont